

Appln. No.: 10/520,412
Amendment dated September 11, 2006
Reply to Office Action of May 10, 2006

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

These remarks are responsive to the non-Final Office Action of May 10, 2006. The Office Action indicates a Restriction Requirement that states that the claims fall into two different groups: Group I - Claims 1-9 and 13 of species of FIG. 2; and Group II claims 10-12 species of Figure 6. To expedite the prosecution of this case, applicants have elected Group I claims 1-9 and 13. Applicant reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to non-elected subject matter prior to the termination of proceedings in the present application. Claim 3 has been canceled. No new matter has been added.

Applicants have editorially amended the specification to correct typographical errors. While not believed necessary, support for the changes is found at least in FIGS. 1 and 2, pages 7-9 of the specification. No new matter is added by these changes. Corrections to a specification are tested according to the standard of obviousness. In other words, would one of ordinary skill in the art have understood what is meant by a given change in view of the Figures and the specification taken as a whole.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place the application in better form for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully urged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the below-listed number. If any additional fees are required or if an overpayment has been made, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

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